

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-42 (Canceled).

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): A communication apparatus comprising:

means for connecting to a computer network;

means for connecting to a public telephone network;

facsimile reception means for receiving facsimile image data from a transmitting source via the public telephone network;

returning means for returning a message in response to a request received from the transmitting source via the public telephone network;

first instruction reception means for receiving an instruction generated based on said message returned by said returning means;

second instruction reception means for receiving an instruction indicating a facsimile communication without reception of the instruction by said first instruction reception means;

conversion means for converting the received facsimile image data into an e-mail data format;

processing means for processing the facsimile image data received by said facsimile reception means without performing the converting by said conversion means in a case where said second instruction reception means receives the instruction; and

recognition means for recognizing a telephone number of the transmitting source and a reception date of the facsimile image data received by said facsimile reception means; and

transmission means for transmitting the e-mail data converted by said conversion means in accordance with the instruction received ~~by said instruction~~ by one of said first and said second reception means with the telephone number and the reception date recognized by said recognition means.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said returning means return the response message as voice guidance information.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said instruction reception means receives the instruction by a tone signal.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the tone signal is a DTMF signal.

Claims 47-55 (Canceled).

Claim 56 (Currently Amended): A method for a communication apparatus comprising:

- connecting to a computer network;
- connecting to a public telephone network;
- receiving facsimile image data from a transmitting source via the public telephone network;
- returning a message in response to a request received from the transmitting source via the public telephone network;
- receiving first instruction generated based on said message returned by a returning means;
- receiving second instruction indicating a facsimile communication without reception of said first instruction received by said first instruction reception step;
- converting the received facsimile image data into an e-mail data format;
- processing the facsimile image data received by a facsimile reception means without performing the converting by said conversion step in a case where said second instruction reception step receives the instruction; ~~and~~
- recognizing a telephone number of the transmitting source and a reception date of the facsimile image data received by said facsimile reception step; and
- transmitting the e-mail data converted by said conversion step in accordance with the instruction received by one of said first and said second instruction reception step with the telephone number and the reception step recognized by said recognition step.

Claim 57 (Currently Amended): A computer program for a communication apparatus comprising:

computer readable program code means for connecting to a computer network;

computer readable program code means for connecting to a public telephone network;

computer readable program code means for receiving facsimile image data from a transmitting source via the public telephone network;

computer readable program code means for returning a message in response to a request received from the transmitting source via the public telephone network;

computer readable program code means for receiving first instruction generated based on said message returned by a returning means;

computer readable program code means for receiving second instruction indicating a facsimile communication without reception of said first instruction received by said first instruction reception code means;

computer readable program code means for converting the received facsimile image data into an e-mail data format;

computer readable program code means for processing the facsimile image data received by said facsimile reception code means without performing the converting by said conversion code means in a case where said second instruction reception code means receives the instruction; and

computer readable program code means for recognizing a telephone number of the transmitting source and a reception code of the facsimile image data received by said facsimile reception code means; and

computer readable program code means for transmitting the e-mail data converted by said conversion means in accordance with the instruction received by one of said first and said second instruction reception code means with the telephone number and the reception code recognized by said recognition code means.

Claims 58-59 (Canceled).